

REMARKS

This is a Supplemental Response to the Response filed on September 18, 2009, in response to the Office Action August 4, 2009, which has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the conference call conducted on October 22, 2009.

By this Supplemental Response, claims 33 and 35-37 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. In the Office Action, claims 5, 12, 21-22, and 26 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. As agreed during the conference call, the arguments presented in the Response were found to be persuasive. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13-20, 23, 27-32, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ratert (U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. No. 2004/0142684) in view of Chen (U.S. Patent No. 7,010,268) is considered to be overcome.

It is respectfully requested, therefore, that claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13-20, 23, 27-32, and 34 be allowed, and this application be passed to issue.

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections and a Notice of Allowance to be issued.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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